

## **CANINE TRAINING**

**9444**

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The Department will sponsor the initial imprinting and training of the accelerant detection canine.

The canine handler is responsible for maintaining the proficiency level of the detection canine. Following are minimum guidelines for proficiency training.

### **DAILY**

**9444.1**

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Work on obedience or physical fitness training as well as canine grooming and kennel maintenance a minimum of one half (1/2) hour during each shift.

### **WEEKLY**

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Work on detection searches using various accelerants for one to three (1-3) hours. Training hours may be adjusted depending upon the number of fire scenes worked by the canine during the week at the discretion of the handler.

### **QUARTERLY**

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The handler shall have the opportunity to have a minimum of eight (8) hours of formal training with either another department canine handler or another approved trainer.

### **ANNUALLY**

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All department handlers and detection canines will attend a minimum of forty (40) hours formal Certification Training at an approved training facility. The Department will pay all expenses to provide annual re-certification.

### **BI-ANNUALLY**

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All department handlers and detection canines will attend the California State Fire Marshal's Hydrocarbon and Other Liquid Accelerant Detection Dog Certification course.

The canine detection team may participate in training outside of the department with the approval of the Region Law Enforcement Coordinator.

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